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1 – Oklahoma governor rules out state plan for EPA carbon pollution regulations, Oklahoman, 4/30/2015

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-governor-rules-out-state-plan-for-epa-carbon-pollution-regulations/article/5414861>

Oklahoma will not formulate a state plan for upcoming federal rules regulating carbon dioxide from power plants under an executive order issued by Gov. Mary Fallin. The order, issued Tuesday, sets up a legal battle with the Environmental Protection Agency, which expects to issue final rules for its Clean Power Plan this summer. EPA wants existing power plants to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

2 – Could Evidence of Manmade Quakes Bring Tectonic Shift in Texas Regulation?, NPR, 4/29/2015

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2015/04/29/could-evidence-of-manmade-quakes-cause-tectonic-shift-in-texas-regulation/>

There have been earthquakes in almost every corner of Texas since the start of the state's most recent oil and gas boom. One "swarm" that really captured people's attention started in the town of Azle in 2013. When oil and gas regulators at the Railroad Commission of Texas visited the town, local people suggested ways to handle the waste water disposal wells thought to be causing the quakes.

3 – Louisiana appeals court holds that seepage from single chemical spill not continuing tort, ACC, 4/29/2015

<http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=cb7b6fc5-8813-4075-9abc-724f28e360c0>

A Louisiana appeals court recently issued an important opinion about the continuing tort doctrine in toxic tort actions, finding that seepage from a single chemical spill doesn't constitute a continuing tort. Some background: In April 1983, a chemical spill occurred in Lake Charles, Louisiana that resulted in the release of 11,000 gallons of perchloroethylene (PCE). A few months later, the responsible parties cleaned up the spill and eliminated all PCE from the ground surface level.

4 Sierra Club reacts to governor's rejection of Clean Power Plan, Norman Transcript, 4/29/2015

http://www.normantranscript.com/news/sierra-club-reacts-to-governor-s-rejection-of-clean-power/article_7135d246-ee9d-11e4-9538-97bbdfde75c2.html

Yesterday Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin issued an Executive Order stating that Oklahoma will not file a state implementation plan for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan. "The Environmental Protection Agency is doing exactly what it was founded to do — protecting our communities from harmful

pollution. With the Clean Power Plan, Oklahoma has the opportunity to take its energy future into its own hands, but without a state implementation plan, Governor Fallin will force the EPA to swoop in and create a federal solution for our state

5 — (OPINION) States Should Pre-empt Federal Control of EPA's CPP, WSJ, 4/30/2015

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/states-should-pre-empt-federal-control-of-epas-cpp-letters-to-the-editor-1430334880>

Contrary to Kenneth C. Hill's claims about the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, states will be the losers if they follow Sen. Mitch McConnell's call to "just say no" to drafting an implementation plan and instead cede control of their energy future to the federal government ("Why States Should Boycott the Federal Clean Power Plan," op-ed, April 22).

6 – A Promise to Our Children to Save Water in Texas, EDF, 4/29/2015

<http://blogs.edf.org/energyexchange/2015/04/29/10036/>

Earlier this week, I testified at a hearing of the Texas House Committee on Environmental Regulation, specifically on how Texas will respond to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP), the nation's first-ever limit on carbon pollution from existing power plants. But before I went to the Capitol, my three-year-old daughter asked me where I was going. I told her I was going to work, and she asked me, "Mommy, what are you going to save?" I replied that I was going to save water, and she said, "Good job, Mommy."

7 – Purifying the Dirtiest Waters, KERA, 4/29/2015

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/tech/forward-osmosis/>

In the break room of a South Boston research center, a gleaming fish tank stands next to shelves of Cheez-It crackers. Inside angelfish, catfish, and minnows swim around brightly colored plastic seaweed. The only sign of the water's polluted past is a small jar of tar-black liquid—wastewater from hydraulic fracturing—sitting on top of the tank.

8 – Industrial corn farming is ruining our health and polluting our watersheds, Ecologist, 4/29/2015

http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2821926/industrial_corn_farming_is_ruining_our_health_and_polluting_our_watersheds.html

The over-enrichment of waters and ecosystems with waste nutrients from industrial corn farming is one of America's greatest environmental problems, writes Donald Scavia. And it's a problem that can be solved - by eating less meat and sugar, by adopting rational energy policies, and by demanding sustainably-grown food.

9 Record cargo, revenue continue at Port Authority, Pasadena Citizen, 4/29/2015

http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/pasadena/news/record-cargo-revenue-continue-at-port-authority/article_c06ac25f-8034-5d29-b15b-27c029e60a1f.html

The Port Commission, at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, approved several agenda items aimed at further strengthening operations at the Port of Houston Authority. Port Commissioners awarded a professional services contract to TCB/GBA Joint Venture for professional engineering and planning services in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' feasibility study of modifications to improve the Houston Ship Channel system. That system includes the Houston, Barbours Cut and Bayport ship channels.

10 — Bad air: Is your city one of the country's most polluted?, CBS News, 4/29/2015

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/american-lung-association-air-quality-report-2015/>

More than four in 10 Americans live in places with unhealthy air, a finding that is likely to color the debate over President Obama's push to reduce ozone and cut down on greenhouse gas emissions. The American Lung

Association's "State of the Air 2015" report found that 138.5 million people, or 44 percent of the U.S. population, live in counties where ozone or particle pollution makes the air unhealthy to breathe.

11 — Major hurricane 'drought' for U.S.? Yes, researchers say, Times Picayune, 4/29/2015

http://www.nola.com/weather/index.ssf/2015/04/major_hurricane_drought_for_us.html#incart_river

The United States is experiencing an unprecedented drought in the number of major hurricanes, Category 3 and above, with none having crossed the nation's shoreline since Category 5 Hurricane Wilma hit south Florida in October 2005, according to a new study published Wednesday (April 29) in Geophysical Research Letters.

12 Texas has the nation's No. 1 oil field, Fuel Fix, 4/29/2015

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/04/29/texas-has-the-nations-no-1-oil-field/#4168103=0&32569101=0>

One Texas oil field has produced more than twice as much crude as any other field in the United States in recent decades. According to a new report by the U.S. Energy Information Agency, the Eagleville field in the Eagle Ford Shale of South Texas is the number one oil field in the nation, churning out 238 million barrels in 2013 — enough to meet national oil demands for about 12.5 days.

13 Why Midwest City Might Fight Norman's Plan to Recycle Treated Wastewater, State Impact, 4/28/2015

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/04/28/why-midwest-city-might-fight-normans-plan-to-recycle-treated-wastewater/>

With concern over drought at a high point and plans to get water from southeast Oklahoma falling through, the City of Norman decided in 2014 to pursue a plan to clean water that has been used by customers and return it to Lake Thunderbird — the city's main water source — to be used again. There's a growing trend toward wastewater reuse to combat drought and conserve water sources for the future, but not everyone is comfortable with the idea of drinking what is, in essence, retreated toilet water.